

August 2011 Digest

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CIRM Awards \$1.8 Million to Build Stem Cell Teams, Accelerate Therapies

On August 25th, the CIRM Governing Board approved \$1.8 million to support 19 researchers in their efforts to assemble competitive teams to develop applications for the Disease Team Therapy Development Awards. These planning awards are first in a two-step process to receive the full research awards, which will be worth up to \$20 million each. The planning grants went to 10 institutions with teams working toward therapies for Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury, osteoporosis, heart failure, Huntington's disease and other currently incurable conditions.

- [Read the Press Release](#)

Join CIRM's LinkedIn® Group!

In August, CIRM launched its LinkedIn group. Visit the group regularly to discuss recent topics in stem cell biology and to learn about new funding opportunities, webinars, public meetings, and jobs at CIRM. Here's how to join:

- Get a LinkedIn account. If you don't have one, you can set it up at www.linkedin.com.
- Once you have an account, go to this URL: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4017737>
- On the CIRM LinkedIn group, Click the "Join Group" button at the top of the page
- Now you are LinkedIn!



New Video: 21st Century Stem Cell Scientists

This summer, CIRM funded the Creativity Awards, an innovative program that encourages the most creative high school students to spend time working in a stem cell lab. The CIRM Creativity Awards recipients met in Oakland on August 2, 2011 to share results of their internship programs. CIRM posted a short video that captures these sharp students' enthusiasm for stem cell science.



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Watch the Video

August Stem Cell Picks by CIRM President Alan Trounson

Each month CIRM President Alan Trounson reports on advances in stem cell science by highlighting recently published papers from CIRM grantees and other leading research teams around the world.

- Read the President's August Update

Upcoming Webinar: Scaffolding and Tissue Engineering

On Sept 12th from 10am to 12pm (PDT), CIRM and the Regenerative Medicine Consortium is hosting a webinar about the issues and challenges of taking cell scaffolding products through the regulatory pathway to the clinic. Speakers from the FDA, MIT, and Tengion, Inc. will present.

- Register for Webinar

Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa: Investor and Partnering Forum

CIRM is organizing an Investor and Partnering Forum in conjunction with the Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa to be held at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies and the Sanford Consortium in La Jolla on November 30th – December 1st, 2011. The Forum will provide the opportunity for hundreds of business, academic research and investor participants to connect for one-on-one meetings and strategic partnering.

- Learn More about the Meeting on the Mesa

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